

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 - 20 (Cancelled).

21. (New) A brake booster assembly comprising:
a brake booster including a housing having a wall;
a mounting bolt extending from said wall; and
a clip engaged with said mounting bolt and fixed in position relative thereto.

22. (New) The brake booster assembly defined in Claim 21 wherein said brake booster includes a master cylinder mounted on said housing, a fluid reservoir mounted on said master cylinder, and an input rod assembly attached to said master cylinder and adapted to be attached to a brake pedal assembly.

23. (New) The brake booster assembly defined in Claim 21 wherein said mounting bolt is fixed in position relative to said wall.

24. (New) The brake booster assembly defined in Claim 21 wherein said clip is adapted to extend through an aperture formed through a vehicle panel so as retain said brake booster and said mounting bolt thereto.

25. (New) The brake booster assembly defined in Claim 21 wherein said clip is generally tubular in shape.

26. (New) The brake booster assembly defined in Claim 25 wherein said clip has a longitudinal slot formed therethrough.

27. (New) The brake booster assembly defined in Claim 21 wherein said clip has a tapered end portion that engages said mounting bolt.

28. (New) The brake booster assembly defined in Claim 21 wherein said clip has a tab that extends away from said mounting bolt.

29. (New) The brake booster assembly defined in Claim 21 further including a bushing disposed about said mounting bolt and a nut threaded onto said mounting bolt.

30. (New) The brake booster assembly defined in Claim 29 wherein said bushing includes an inner bushing that is disposed about said mounting bolt and said clip and an outer bushing that is disposed about said inner bushing.

31. (New) A combined vehicle panel and brake booster assembly comprising:
a vehicle panel having an aperture formed therethrough;
a brake booster including a housing having a wall;
a mounting bolt extending from said wall; and
a clip engaged with said mounting bolt and fixed in position relative thereto,
said mounting bolt and said clip extending through said aperture formed through said vehicle panel so as retain said brake booster and said mounting bolt thereto.

32. (New) The combined vehicle panel and brake booster assembly defined in Claim 31 wherein said brake booster includes a master cylinder mounted on said housing, a fluid reservoir mounted on said master cylinder, and an input rod assembly attached to said master cylinder and adapted to be attached to a brake pedal assembly.

33. (New) The combined vehicle panel and brake booster assembly defined in Claim 31 wherein said mounting bolt is fixed in position relative to said wall.

34. (New) The combined vehicle panel and brake booster assembly defined in Claim 31 wherein said clip is adapted to extend through an aperture formed through a vehicle panel so as retain said brake booster and said mounting bolt thereto.

35. (New) The combined vehicle panel and brake booster assembly defined in Claim 31 wherein said clip is generally tubular in shape.

36. (New) The combined vehicle panel and brake booster assembly defined in Claim 35 wherein said clip has a longitudinal slot formed therethrough

37. (New) The combined vehicle panel and brake booster assembly defined in Claim 31 wherein said clip has a tapered end portion that engages said mounting bolt.

38. (New) The combined vehicle panel and brake booster assembly defined in Claim 31 wherein said clip has a tab that extends away from said mounting bolt.

39. (New) The combined vehicle panel and brake booster assembly defined in Claim 31 further including a bushing disposed about said mounting bolt and a nut threaded onto said mounting bolt.

40. (New) A method of mounting a brake booster assembly on a vehicle panel comprising the steps of:

- a. providing a vehicle panel having an aperture formed therethrough;
- b. providing a brake booster including a housing having a wall and a mounting bolt extending from the wall;
- c. engaging a clip with the mounting bolt; and
- d. extending the mounting bolt and the clip through the aperture formed through the vehicle panel so as retain the brake booster and the mounting bolt thereto.